

HOME EDITION

TUESDAY EVENING.

TOPEKA, KANSAS, SEPTEMBER 21, 1915.

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THIS EDITION 2 CENTS.

## THIRTY CENT GAS IS OUTLOOK THIS YEAR IN TOPEKA

After October 1, Raise in Price Is Expected Here.

Distributors Base Action on Recent Flannelly Order.

STILL A CHANCE FOR RELIEF

Supreme Court May Step in and Hold Up Action.

Notices of Increase Posted in Crawford County.

Thirty-cent gas for Topeka. That such a rate is probable was admitted today by representatives of the Consumers' Heat, Light & Power company. Attorneys for receivers for the local gas company will meet in Topeka in a few days and unless the recent order by Judge Flannelly is set aside by the supreme court, a thirty-cent rate for Topeka may be ordered at once. Such a rate would probably become effective October 1.

The Flannelly thirty-cent rate order is now before the supreme court and will be heard Wednesday on an application by the public utilities commission for a writ of mandamus. Such a writ would compel the setting aside of the rate recently ordered by Judge Flannelly, following a 28-cent rate order by the Kansas commission. In the meantime the Kansas Natural Gas company and its distributing agents are planning to increase rates in a number of Kansas towns. Notices have been published to the effect that the Flannelly rate will be enforced in Topeka and the order may be made effective in all Kansas Natural territory outside Montgomery county.

May Be Held Up.

Should the supreme court fail to grant a writ of mandamus or should the utilities commission or should the action be delayed after October 1, the utilities commission will then proceed against the Kansas Natural and each of its distributing companies separately. It is through such action, it was stated today, that the commission hoped to prevent an increased rate in Topeka and other towns.

J. J. Reich, of Chicago, attorney for receivers for the local gas company, is coming to Topeka in a few days for a conference with Judge Flannelly, the law firm of Perry, Doran & Dean, local attorneys for the gas company.

"Of course we will talk about the (Continued on Page 2.)"

## BETTER BABIES WEEK

Elaborate Program Is Being Arranged by Dr. Harold W. Wood.

Plans for "Better Babies" week, October 5 to 8, are rapidly maturing, reports Dr. Harold W. Wood, city physician. He announced today the chairman of the various committees which will have charge.

The exhibit committee will be headed by Mrs. Catherine Hand. Merchants' display, J. Will Kelley; program, Dr. J. S. Crumrine; music, Dean Whitehouse of Washburn college; decorations, E. A. Kelsch; afternoon meetings, Mrs. Charles B. Thomas, publicity, Clifford Stratton, Phil Eastman.

Among the speakers who have been engaged are Dr. Arthur Newell, Dean Harold E. Butler, Raymond P. Senewie, all of Kansas university; W. D. Ross, state superintendent of public instruction; Mrs. C. Lewis, member of the state board of administration; Miss Lina Bessette, secretary of the state industrial and welfare commission.

## SEND ANOTHER ONE

Austria Won't Wait for Dumba's Return, to Name U. S. Ambassador.

Budapest, Sept. 21.—A Vienna dispatch is published here today saying it has been learned in diplomatic circles at the Austrian capital that the government will not await the arrival of Dr. Dumba from the United States before appointing his successor.

The new ambassador, it is said, will be named at once.

The dispatch says Kajetan von Marczewski, former Austro-Hungarian ambassador at Rome, has been selected for this place.

## SINK BRITISH STEAMER

Linkmoor, 4,048 Tons, to Bottom—Crew Saved.

London, Sept. 21.—The British steamer Linkmoor, 4,048 tons gross, built last year and owned in Shields, has been sunk. Her crew was landed.

Weather Forecast for Kansas. Partly cloudy and warmer tonight; unsettled and warmer Wednesday.

## GERMANS USING SILK AND VELVET TO MAKE TRENCH SANDBAGS

Amsterdam, Sept. 21.—Silk and velvet are now being utilized by the Germans for making sandbags for the trenches in Belgium, according to the correspondent at Roulers of the Telegraf. This measure has been necessitated because the supply of jute has been exhausted. The correspondent also says that wounded Germans are arriving at Roulers in a continuous stream and that the graveyard in which the dead are interred has been enlarged three times.

## NOTED BANKERS FROM EAST AND WEST AT CONFERENCES WITH ALLIED FINANCIERS



Noted bankers arriving at Morgan's library for conference with allied financial commission. James B. Forgan of Chicago (left) and George Baker of New York.

Bankers from practically all the great cities of the United States are taking part in the conferences in New York, between American financiers on the one hand, and the Anglo-French financial commission which is seeking a huge loan in this country, on the other. These pictures were taken outside J. P. Morgan's library, where several of the conferences have been held, and show two of the most prominent financiers leaving their automobiles.

## FIGHT HAY FEVER APPEAL TO WILSON

Kansas Health Board on a Armenians Say Turks Have Killed 100,000 of Race.

Elimination of Weeds Seems to Be Only Wise Method.

Despite the cool summer Kansas again is sneezing with hay fever and as a result the state board of health and the committee on public health of the state medical society are co-operating with the American Hay Fever Prevention association toward the eradication of the weeds which cause the disease. It was announced here today.

Dr. S. J. Crumrine, secretary of the state board of health, pointed out that although the disease was not so prevalent this year as usually, afflicted Kansans must keep on sneezing until the frost and that a wider knowledge of the causes of the disease and steps toward the elimination of the weeds are the only ways to prevent its recurrence.

A statement, issued today under the authorization of Dr. C. C. Nesselrode of Kansas City, Kan., chairman of the committee on public health of the state medical society points out that the chief cause of fall hay fever is the pollen of the two varieties of rag weed, which are especially prevalent in neglected fields, yards and roadsides, and is sometimes found in fields. Rag weed, it is stated, has been harvested early and afterward neglected.

The statement points out that while golden rod has been charged with being responsible for fifty per cent of all cases of hay fever the American Hay Fever Prevention association has demonstrated the fact that the golden rod belongs to a group of only 15 per cent of the cases that do not owe their origin to rag weed. It is asserted that in the month of September every effort should be made to destroy the weeds, since it is then that they are most active.

It is pointed out that with proper co-operation the cause of hay fever can be almost entirely eliminated just as preventative measures have done much toward the elimination of malarial fever, typhoid, tuberculosis and other diseases.

## JACK FROST ARRIVES

Old Nipper Visits Several Localities in Kansas Monday Night.

The first frost of the season came last night. The temperature recorded by the weather bureau was 43 degrees, out on the ground the temperature went down to 32. The frost was not heavy enough to do any damage other than to nip a few tender leaves. It will do the corn good as it will hasten maturity.

Light frosts also were reported at Concordia, Manhattan, Macksville, Hays City and Phillipsburg. At no place was it hard enough to injure the corn materially.

The forecast promises higher temperature tonight and Wednesday. Partly cloudy and warmer tonight; unsettled and warmer Wednesday, is the schedule. A repetition of the frost is not expected tonight. On this date in 1903 the temperature dropped to 41 degrees, the lowest on record but only 2 degrees lower than last night. This weather is the variety usually experienced in October, and has arrived just one month in advance.

Freezing temperatures were reported at several stations in the state and the readings at all points were below normal. No rainfall of any consequence was recorded last night, the only measurable precipitation being 28 of an inch at Eureka. Anthony and Sedan each reported a trace of showers. The Kaw river shows a tendency to rise, having jumped half a foot since Monday. The stage this morning was 8.2 feet.

With the wind blowing today at the rate of nine miles an hour from the east the temperatures have averaged 15 degrees below normal. Following are the hourly readings for today:

7 o'clock.....45	11 o'clock.....58
8 o'clock.....48	12 o'clock.....60
9 o'clock.....51	1 o'clock.....62
10 o'clock.....57	2 o'clock.....62
	3 o'clock.....64

## VILLA IS RETREATING

Mexican General on Way Toward American Border.

Washington, Sept. 21.—Continued general retreating movement of Villa forces toward the American border was indicated in today's war department dispatches.

Brigadier General Pershin at El Paso reported there were between 5,000 and 7,000 Villa troops either in Juarez or on the way there from the interior.

## AD TELLS THE STORY

W. J. Bryan, Renting House, Is Now Done With Washington.

Washington, Sept. 21.—A four-line ad in local papers today discloses that William J. Bryan, former secretary of state, is done with Washington as a place of residence. The "ad" is as follows:

"For rent—Furnished. Calumet Place, 13th and Clifton streets, N. W. Apply at premises, W. J. Bryan."

Calumet Place is the old home of Mrs. John A. Logan and is one of the beautiful residences of Washington. When Mr. Bryan came here to be secretary of state he rented the place. It is said, at \$4,000 a year. The contract for that period it was said provided that he should not sub-let, but apparently this has been changed.

## 15,000 STUDENTS STATE SCHOOLS

All Kansas Educational Records Broken This Year.

Increase of More Than 10 Per Cent Over Last Year.

A HALF MILLION SCHOOL AGE

Emporia Normal Leads All With 3,600 Students.

K. S. A. C. Second With 3,500 and K. U. Registers 3,100.

Fifteen thousand boys and girls will attend the five big state schools this year—an increase of more than 10 per cent over the attendance last year and by all odds the college record in this state. The attendance, according to estimates by Lee Harrison, secretary of the state board of administration, means 3 per cent of the school population of Kansas will attend the big state schools.

When the 1914-15 enrollment books were closed, the records at Kansas university, the state agricultural college, and the Emporia, Pittsburg and Hays normal schools, showed an aggregate attendance of 15,133. It was the greatest record ever made in this state. The unusual attendance was attributed to the fact that Kansas had produced her record wheat crop and that the prosperous farmers were sending their children to college. Now Secretary Harrison believes that there is a further explanation. The demand for a higher education has taken root in Kansas, he says, and the state is coming to the front rank in educational affairs.

Half Million of School Age.

"There are approximately 500,000 boys and girls of school age in Kansas," said Harrison. "This year, according to the best estimates available (Continued on Page Two.)"

## TAFT-T. R. AGAIN?

Victor Murdock Guesses on Presidential Candidates.

He Predicts, Also, an Explosion in Democratic Ranks.

New York, Sept. 21.—Col. Roosevelt will run again for the Progressive candidate for president if he thinks he has a chance to win. That is the opinion expressed by Victor Murdock, chairman of the Progressive national committee today.

Division among Democrats, the possible nomination of William H. Taft by the Republicans as a result and following both the happenings an excellent chance for another presidential fight on the part of the Progressives, this is the vision of Mr. Murdock who attended a meeting of the county chairman of New York state at the Hotel Manhattan.

"To my mind there is bound to be an explosion in the Democratic party in the next six months," he said. "The chances are then that the Republicans will renominate William Howard Taft. This will give us an excellent chance to win this means business. This will call for a vigorous candidate and a vigorous platform."

## SINK BIG PLUNGER

Russian Ships Send German Submarine to Bottom.

Teuton Fighter Was Operating in Black Sea.

Odessa, Sept. 21.—Russian ships have sunk a German submarine which has been operating recently in the Black sea.

British Transport Down.

Berlin, Sept. 21.—The Frankfurter Zeitung reports that a large British transport from Egypt for the Dardanelles, has been sunk by a German submarine.

## POWER RES HERE

Russian Minister of Finance Depicts Role of United States.

Needs of Belligerents Send Credit Balances to America.

Paris, Sept. 21.—Pierre L. Bark, Russian minister of finance, has confided his conference with the French finance minister, Alexandre Ribot, and departed today for London to take up financial matters affecting the Russian government.

Before his departure, M. Bark made the following statement to the Associated Press:

"It would be infantile to deny the role of the United States in international finance during the past year. The power of America as a center of production has been affirmed in incontestable manner. The needs of the belligerents have changed international credit balances so markedly in favor of the United States that the question of exchange has become acute."

"Supplies which America is sending to Europe prepare the market for the resale to Americans of their securities held in Europe. It is to be hoped that the Anglo-French delegates negotiating in New York will find a basis adapted to American tastes and temperament."

## KILL WOUNDED TROOPS

Complete Rout of Carranza Army—General Loses Leg.

Douglas, Ariz., Sept. 21.—A massacre of 30 wounded Carranza troops by Yaquis during fighting last Sunday which resulted in a complete rout of the Carranza army under Calles was reported here today by arrival from the fields.

General Urbajeo, commander-in-chief of the Yaqui army in Sonora, lost a leg when struck by a shell.

## BONEBRAKE SETS FAST GOLF PACE

Young Topeka Lad Outplays Professionals This Morning.

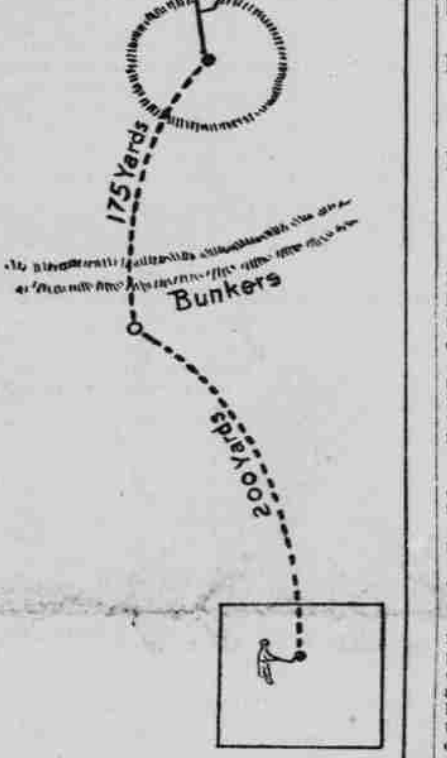
Makes One Country Club Course Hole in Two.

PEEBLES LED THE FIELD

Ideal Weather Makes Fast Course for Tournament.

First Southwestern Championship Decided Tomorrow.

Although Bob Peebles, the Country club professional was low man with a 76 in the first round of the southwestern open championship tournament at the Country club this morning, Arthur Bonebrake, 15 years old, furnished the thrill of the day by making a two on the seventh hole of the course. The youngster's great play which broke all records for the course came during the homeward half of the first round. His medal score for the eighteen holes was 79, being the second best score of the morning round.



Arthur Bonebrake's remarkable play at hole 7, which will be a topic of conversation at the Country club for many weeks to come. The diagram shows approximately the way Bonebrake made the hole in 2.

Bonebrake made a 200 yard drive from tee No. 6. Joe Wilson, for whom Bonebrake has been adding a "fold" about five years, had just approached the teeing ground. He complimented the boy on the shot. George Blair, 17 years old, of the St. Joseph country club, who was playing with Bonebrake also made a good drive.

Bonebrake Starts Pros.

The two players settled down to make a three, for the hole, which (Continued on Page Six.)

## WHERE IS CANE?

American Officers Believe Archibald Hid Secret Papers.

Rolled Inside Gold Headed Walking Stick, Is Theory.

New York, Sept. 21.—The whereabouts of the gold headed cane supposed to have belonged to Correll, James P. J. Archibald, is today the latest puzzle in the letter carrying episode which resulted in Austrian Ambassador Dumba's recall.

Five treasury officials came from Washington to New York to ask Archibald regarding the cane, he admitted today. He said he never had one.

Persistent declarations have been made in the investigation of the case of the correspondent who carried the letters from the Austrian ambassador that Archibald carried the most important documents in a hollow cane. The cane was said to be weighted so it would readily sink. It is also intimated that, had papers in the cane been found, German Ambassador Bernstorff would have been implicated.

Archibald also carried letters and gifts from Ambassador Bernstorff to Mrs. James P. J. Archibald, from Hatzfeldt to his wife. The letters were confiscated in England, although the gifts were allowed to go through.

Chief Flynn of the United States secret service met Archibald at quarantine yesterday. "He asked me," said Archibald today, "if before I left, I had been given for my personal use or to present to some person, a gold headed cane that might have been hollow and useful for the concealment of papers. I assured him I did not know anything about such a cane."

Archibald plans to go to Washington today.

## TURKS ARE WORRIED

Rushing Reinforcements to Dardanelles Fearing Offensive.

Athens, Sept. 21.—The Turks are rushing more reinforcements to the Dardanelles, expecting a renewal of the Anglo-French offensive.

The Thrace railway is being used exclusively for their transportation.

## CHARRED OAKEN RIBS ALL THAT REMAIN OF FRIGATE "INDEPENDENCE"

San Francisco, Sept. 21.—A series of charred oaken ribs projecting out of a mud flat on San Francisco bay was all that remained today of the frigate Independence, the vaunted oldest ship in the United States navy, which was burned last night for the copper in her staunch hull. The ship recently was sold by the navy department for \$3,515.

The flames that destroyed the Independence brought to an end a navy career begun in 1812. Once the old frigate was America's first flag ship and carried 74 guns on its three decks. Later it was rescued from actual service and was stationed at Mare Island as a recruiting ship. Three years ago it was placed out of actual commission.

## SIX TIMES MORE

British Expenditures Exceed Revenues for Year.

One Billion In and Seven Billion Out, Is Report.

## HEAVY TAX TO RAISE DEFICIT

Increase of 50 Per Cent on Teas, Coffee, Tobacco, Etc.

Postal Rates, Too, Will Have to Go Up, Exchequer Says.

London, Sept. 21.—Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer, in his budget speech today estimated that the government revenue for the current year would be £272,000,000 (£1,360,000,000); that the expenditure would reach £1,500,000,000 (£7,500,000,000), and that the deficit of £228,000,000 (£1,140,000,000) would be met by an increase of 40 per cent to the existing income tax and the taxation of all incomes of £130 (£630) or more. The present minimum £180.

The chancellor also proposed an increase in the duty on sugar to 3s. 4d. (£324 per hundred weight).

A heavy tax on the profits of manufacturers of war supplies also was proposed by the chancellor. Fifty per cent of all war profits above the amount assessed for the income tax last year will be subject to a special tax which works out at 50 per cent of the profit. McKenna estimated the revenue from this source for the full year at £20,000,000 (£100,000,000). An all around increase of 50 per cent (Continued on Page Six.)

## A NATION PLASTER

America's First Mortgage on British-French Empires.

May Convert to Long Time Bonds of 100 Years.

New York, Sept. 21.—Negotiations toward the establishment of a credit loan of \$600,000,000 to \$800,000,000 to Great Britain and France moved smoothly today, it was said with virtual elimination of the matter of providing a method of paying for munitions and with the reported determination of both sides not to tie up the whole sum at one time in New York.

Announcement that a definite agreement had been reached was expected by the American financiers within a few days, possibly by the close of the week.

Proposals before the commission were said to provide for installment payments by bonds guaranteeing the loan and the deposit in the subscribing banks of all subscriptions, without interest, until such time as they are needed.

Another feature said to have come up for discussion was whether the short term bonds, on which the loan is to be repaid, should not be made to include the privilege of conversion to long term (fifty or one hundred years) bonds which would pay 4 1/2 per cent interest. These, it was thought, would be a favorite investment in the bond market, inasmuch as they would be a first mortgage on the British empire and France.

## W. H. BAKER IS DEAD

Famous Chocolate Manufacturer Dies at Age of 65.

Winchester, Va., Sept. 21.—William H. Baker, chocolate manufacturer and banker, died at his home here today, aged 65 years.

## BASEBALL TODAY.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Cleveland at Boston—Both games postponed; rain.

At New York—First game: R. H. E. St. Louis.....0 3 3 New York.....3 9 2 Batteries: Koob and Leary; Pieh and Nunamaker.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Brooklyn at Pittsburgh—Game postponed; cold weather.

Shot Down British Aeroplane.

Berlin, Sept. 21.—West of St. Quentin, a British aeroplane was shot down by a German aviator. The British pilot was killed and the observer was captured.

## BULGARIA READY; DOWN ON SERBIA; DVINSK NEAR FALL

Serbo-Bulgarian Frontier District Declared War Zone.

General Mobilization of All Military Forces Is Ordered.

SLAVS ESCAPE GERMAN COIL

Russian Army Is Saved, Is Believed in England.

Cavalry Raids of Stuart and Sheridan Type There.

London, Sept. 21.—The German encircling movement around Vilna has been carried further and Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's right wing has now reached a point southeast of Novogradok, which is itself southeast of Lida, through which the Russian retreat is being conducted.

Berlin, Sept. 21.—"It is reported from the Balkans," says the Overseas News agency, "that the Serbian government has declared the Serbo-Bulgarian frontier district a war zone."

It is also reported that Bulgarian troops are concentrated near the Serbian frontier and that German and Austro-Hungarian troops have been concentrated since a certain date along the Serbian border line.

Mobilization in Bulgaria.

Washington, Sept. 21.—General mobilization of all military forces in Bulgaria effective today for the purpose of armed neutrality has been ordered by Bulgarian government. Official announcement of this order was communicated by the government to Mr. Panaretov, the Bulgarian minister here.

Berlin, Sept. 21.—The outer defenses of Dvinsk, blocking the road to Petrograd, have been under heavy attack by German artillery for more (Continued on Page Two.)

## BRYAN TO TOPEKA

Great Commoner Will Lecture on "War" in October.

Redpath Lyceum Bureau Establishes Headquarters Here.

William Jennings Bryan, former secretary of state and three times Democratic nominee for president, will deliver his new lecture, "The Causeless War," in Topeka during the week of October 18. The date of his lecture has not yet been selected. He is coming here under the direction of the Redpath Lyceum bureau.

The Lyceum bureau has established headquarters in Topeka for the 1915-1916 season. Offices are being maintained at the Throop hotel. R. D. McNeill and Miss M. E. Sturges, who were here last season, are in charge, along with Miss Hortense Smith and Miss Julia Tufts.

There will be no change in the policy of the Topeka Lyceum course. The season tickets will cost \$1 apiece and seat reservations will be additional. Thirteen numbers will be given. The programs will be held in the Topeka auditorium.

The ticket sale starts October 1. The first number after Bryan will be presented by the grand opera star, Miss Alice Neilson, October 21. Another interesting production will be the play, "The Servant in the House." The other numbers have not yet been announced.

"The churches and other organizations are showing great enthusiasm regarding the future sale of tickets," said Miss Sturgeon this morning, "and I am sure that our second season here will be a great success."

## FIND 2 MORE SPIES

German Man and Woman Tried to "Sneak" on British Fleet.

London, Sept. 21.—Two more spies have been convicted by court-martial. Official announcement was made today that a man and a woman of German origin whose names were not given, were found guilty yesterday of the crime of attempting to communicate information concerning the fleet.

The man was sentenced to be shot. The woman, who is said to have been under the influence of the man, was sentenced to ten years in jail. Both will be permitted to appeal.

## SAID HE LOOKED LIKE CHARLIE CHAPLIN; SHOT AND DEATH FOLLOWS

New York, Sept. 21.—Rosario Cannatillo, full of bright quips and merry jests, and that's why he is dead today. Cannatillo and a friend were sitting on the steps of the famous boarding house exchanging pleasantries. Marie Liba leaned on the window sill of her room listening to the jesting pair.

"You're a good fellow," Cannatillo remarked, "but the only trouble is you look like Charlie Chaplin."

Marie Liba heard a snarl and then a shot. She screamed.

The police found Cannatillo's body on the steps. They are looking for the friend who looked like Charlie Chaplin.